

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 13 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of May 6, 2004.

Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 6,207,474

Claims 1 through 13 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 13 of U.S. Patent 6,207,474. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the Terminal Disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached is the terminal disclaimer and accompanying fee.

Applicants request the allowance of claims 1 through 13 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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